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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Corporal Steve Spadafora of the South Bend Police Department on receiving the national Veterans of Foreign Wars' J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award for outstanding service in the field of law enforcement.

Whereas, Cpl. Steven Spadafora was nominated for the VFW award by Capt. Darryl Boykins of the South Bend P.D., who detailed Cpl. Spadafora's actions in rescuing a suicidal woman from a gas-filled home;

Whereas, Cpl. Spadafora received the award on April 6, 2002, at an award's banquet held in Arlington, Virginia;

Whereas, Cpl. Spadafora was honored by the American Red Cross and was nominated for the American Red Cross George A. Cooper Hero Hall of Fame award for valor;

Whereas, Cpl. Spadafora received the South Bend Police Department's 2001 Employee of the Year Award;

Whereas, Cpl. Robert Culp described Cpl. Spadafora as "a very level-headed, very controlled, intelligent officer who makes decisions well under pressure";

Whereas, Cpl. Stephen Smith stated that Cpl. Spadafora is "the kind of guy who could get this kind of award any year because he is consistently good";

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Whereas, Cpl. Spadafora attended Michigan State University where he earned his Bachelor of the Arts in Criminal Justice and Psychology; and

Whereas, Cpl. Spadafora graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy with honors.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Senate congratulate Cpl. Steve Spadafora on receiving the national Veterans of Foreign Wars' J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award for outstanding service in the field of law enforcement.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Cpl. Spadafora's wife and two children.



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